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Letter dated 10 March 1993 from the Permanent Representatives of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Government of Solomon Islands, we have the honour to attach herewith a copy of a joint press statement by the leaders of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands delegations at the conclusion of ministerial talks held at Port Moresby on 26 February 1993 (see annex) for information.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint press statement issued by the leaders of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands delegations at the conclusion of ministerial talks held at Port Moresby on 26 February 1993

The leaders of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands ministerial delegations to the official talks held at Port Moresby on the occasion of the official visit of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Relations of Solomon Islands, Hon. Job Duddley Tausinga, today expressed satisfaction at the successful conclusion of their discussions.

The two Foreign Ministers, Hon. John Kaputin and Hon. Job Duddley Tausinga, confirmed this in a joint statement.

The Ministerial discussions were aimed at reviewing and giving ministerial directions on all aspects of the two countries' relations which have been the subject of dialogue at official levels following Prime Ministerial instructions to re-establish contact on 24 December 1992.

In their review, the Ministers agreed to conclude a framework treaty governing all aspects of their relations. The Treaty will be called "Special Agreement Guiding Relations between the Independent States of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands".

The Ministers also signed an Exchange of Letters confirming the need for such a bilateral treaty and an agreement for interim arrangements for joint border surveillance and administration before the conclusion of the Basic Agreement on Border Arrangements between the two countries.

The Ministers held frank, long and constructive discussions on details of the spill-over effects of the Bougainville crisis, including compensation and repatriation.

A detailed report on the outcome of their talks will be submitted to their respective Cabinets for further directions before and as they prepare for the Prime Ministerial talks later this year.

This week's ministerial-level consultations were a follow-up to recent meetings held at official levels at Honiara and Port Moresby.

(Signed) Hon. John R. Kaputin CMG MP
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